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February, 24, 2005

On Tuesday, Feb 22 you called the Gardiner Office to request permission (under FOIA) to review District grazing permit and Royal Teton Ranch files. I was not in the office at the time. When I returned to Gardiner I called you Tuesday evening, Feb 22. We agreed that Thursday, Feb 24th at 10:00 am was a good time for you to come by the office to look through the grazing allotment files plus RTR files. Yesterday (Feb 23), you talked with Steve Christiansen (the Gallatin Forest FOIA coordinator) and Bob Dennee (Gallatin Forest Lands Staff Officer) regarding your FOIA requests to review files in the Supervisor's Office and at Gardiner. Both Bob and Steve advised that we needed more notice prior to allowing you to review files. They explained the rationale in a letter that you either have received or will shortly receive. Both Bob and Steve said the files at Gardiner would not be available to you Feb 24.

You then called Pat Hoppe at the Gardiner District to say you wanted to review the above-mentioned files Thursday (Feb 24). Pat reiterated what Bob and Steve had said, that the files would not be available to you to review Feb 24th.

Today you arrived at the Gardiner District office. We visited about FOIA and I apologized for having to delay your review of the files. We also visited with Pat Hoppe and answered several questions you had about grazing permits, in particular, the former Park Allotment permit. We agreed that you could again review the allotment files March 15th. You will have to work out review of RTR files with Bob Dennee when he returns March 7. Review of Gardiner District RTR files may occur at the Supervisor's Office. It has yet to be decided.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

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Follow-up review requested on RTR
and cattle grazing records

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Dear Ken,

I called and left a message with your office today to let you know I will be in Gardiner Thursday, Feb 24. I would like to conduct a follow-up on our visit from September 2004 and review agency records on the Royal Teton Ranch project and the cattle grazing allotments on the District.

There were a number of incomplete records provided, other records referenced but not included, and I would like to fill-in the gaps in the records provided. I would also like to take another look at the RTR files for any recent records produced, and more thoroughly review records on cattle grazing allotments on the District.

If your time allows, I would also like to meet with you briefly.

regards,

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